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Summa Corp. Sent Tax Bill for Glomar

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County assessor has slapped a \$3.1 million tax bill on the salvage ship Glomar Explorer, used by the CIA in an attempt to salvage a Soviet submarine and ostensibly owned by Howard Hughes' Summa Corp.

Assessor Philip E. Watson yesterday released copies of the bill sent to Summa for taxes on the 618-foot vessel. The bill, Watson said, was based on the calculation that the market value of the marine mining vessel was \$105 million. Aides said that the assessor did not really know the worth of the sophisticated electronic gear of the ship.

Last month, sWatson estimated that the tax bill would be only \$1.24 million.